

# METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR POLICY BASED NETWORK CONTROL OF CHARACTERISTICS OF USER SESSIONS

## Abstract of the Disclosure

Methods, systems and computer program products are provided for controlling a user session in a network by defining rules for controlling user sessions based on characteristics of an operating environment,  
5 determining the characteristics of an instance of an operating environment associated with a user session in the network and applying the defined rules to the determined characteristics to control the user session based on the characteristics of the instance of the  
10 operating environment. In particular, the type of network connection, the type of device connected to the network, the user identification of the user and/or the identification of an application executed by the user may be determined and the session controlled based on  
15 this determination. Preferably, the rules control the content of communications provided during the user session based on the characteristics of the operating environment.